



WTO CHAIRS PROGRAMME INAUGURATION EVENT

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INAUGURAL SESSION

TIME	PROGRAM DETAILS	SPEAKER
10:00 AM – 10:07 AM	Welcome Remarks	Dr. James J. Nedumpara <i>Head and Professor</i> <i>Centre for Trade and Investment Law</i>
10:07 AM – 10:08 AM	<i>Lighting of the Lamp</i>	
10:08 AM – 10:18 AM	Vice Chancellor's Address	Prof. Manoj Pant <i>Vice Chancellor</i> <i>Indian Institute of Foreign Trade</i>
10:18 AM – 10:28 AM	Introducing the WTO Chairs Programme (virtual)	Dr. Werner Zdouc <i>Director</i> <i>WTO Chairs Programme (KMD)</i>
10:28 AM – 10:38 AM	Inaugural Address	Mr. Amit Yadav <i>Additional Secretary (TPD - M)</i> <i>Department of Commerce</i> <i>Government of India</i>
10:38 AM – 10:48 AM	Keynote Address	H. E. Amb. Mr. Xiangchen Zhang <i>Deputy Director General</i> <i>World Trade Organization</i>
10:48 AM – 10:58 AM	Chancellor's Address	Mr. Sunil Barthwal <i>Commerce Secretary</i> <i>Government of India</i>
10:58 AM – 11:02 AM	Address from WCP Advisory Board (virtual)	Mr. Rohinton Medhora <i>Member, Academic Advisory Board of WCP</i>
11:02 AM – 11:10 AM	Address by WCP Donor Member (France) (virtual)	H. E. Mr. Etienne Oudot de Dainville <i>Permanent Representative of France to the WTO</i>
11:10 AM – 11:16 AM	Address by WCP Donor Member (Korea) (virtual)	H. E. Mr. Jung Sung Park <i>Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva</i>
11:16 AM – 11:20 AM	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Satwik Shekhar
11:20 AM – 11:30 AM	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	



PANEL DISCUSSION 1
REINVIGORATING THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM OF THE WTO
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Session Chair: **Ambassador Ujal Singh Bhatia**, *India's former Ambassador to WTO and former Chairman of the WTO Appellate Body*

Panellists:

- **Dr. Werner Zdouc (virtual)**, *WTO Chairs Programme and former Director of the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat*
- **Mr. Parthsarathi Jha**, *Partner, Competition Law & Policy and International Trade & Customs, Economic Laws Practice.*
- **Ms. R. V. Anuradha**, *Partner, Clarus Law Associates, New Delhi*
- **Dr. Prabhhash Ranjan**, *Professor and Vice-Dean (Continuing Education), Jindal Global Law School*
- **Ms. Gitanjali Brandon**, *Deputy Secretary (Pakistan), PIA Division, Ministry of External Affairs*

PANEL DISCUSSION 2
BALANCING PREFERENTIAL AND MULTILATERAL APPROACHES TO FREE TRADE
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM

Moderator: **Dr. James J. Nedumpara**, *Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law*

Panellists:

- **Ambassador J. S. Deepak**, *Senior Advisor, STL and Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and Former Ambassador & Permanent Representative of India to the WTO*
- **Dr. Anup Wadhawan**, *Former Commerce Secretary, Government of India.*
- **Mr. V. Lakshmikumaran**, *Founder and Managing Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys, New Delhi*
- **Dr. Biswajit Dhar**, *Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*

2 PM – 3 PM
LUNCH

PANEL DISCUSSION 3
MACROECONOMIC CRISIS AND TRADE POLICY
3:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Session Chair: **Prof. V. K. Malhotra**, *Member Secretary, Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi*

Panellists:

- **Dr. John Hancock (virtual)**, *Counsellor, Policy Development, Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization, Geneva*
- **Dr. Marc Auboin (virtual)**, *Counsellor, Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization, Geneva*
- **Dr. Veena Jha**, *Former Coordinator, UNCTAD India Programme, New Delhi*
- **Dr. Leila Choukroune**, *Professor of International Law, University of Portsmouth*

4:15 PM
HIGH TEA